

HOUSE No. 980

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish the crime of resisting or obstructing public safety personnel in the performance of their official duties and to provide penalties therefor. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR RESISTING A POLICE OFFICER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after section 13K
3 the following new section:—
4 Section 13L. Any person who shall knowingly and willfully
5 obstruct, resist, interfere with, or oppose any police officer, fire-
6 fighter, correction officer, or other officer in serving any process,
7 rule or order issued by a lawful authority; or who knowingly and
8 willfully shall obstruct, resist, interfere with, or oppose any such
9 officer in the lawful performance of his duties may be punished
10 by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than
11 one year or by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor
12 more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or both. Any person sus-
13 pected of violating this section may be arrested by a police officer
14 without a warrant.